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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 31st May, 1960

No. CH(1)-31(44)/59.—In paragraph 5 of their Resolution, dated the 27th October, 1959, on the Tariff Commission's Report on the fair selling prices of Caustic Soda, Chlorine, Hydrochloric Acid and Bleaching Powder, Government had announced that they were examining the Commission's recommendations in regard to Bleaching Powder and that their decision will be announced in due course. Since then, the Mettur Chemicals and Industrial Corporation Limited, the only indigenous unit at present manufacturing Stable Bleaching Powder, had made certain representations. These have also been considered in consultation with the Tariff Commission.

2. It is observed that the annual production has been falling since 1956-57. Government are not fully satisfied that the drop in production was altogether unavoidable and consider that the fair ex-works price should be based on a level of production not less than the maximum already attained by the factory. Taking into account all the relevant factors, Government have decided that the fair ex-works selling prices for different bulk packings entering the wholesale trade should be as below. These prices will be subject to the review by the Tariff Commission as and when due.

<i>Size of packing</i>	<i>Fair ex-works selling price.</i>
	Rs. nP.
100 Kgs.	51.80
55 "	29.65
25 "	14.75
12.5 "	8.60
3 "	2.85
1.5 "	1.60
0.5 "	0.85
0.25 "	0.75

The prices mentioned above are ceilings for selling prices for purchases ex-factory either directly or through agents or distributors of the manufacturers and will be effective from 1st June, 1960. The Industry should keep a careful watch and control over its distributors and dealers, give preference to *bona fide* consumers and also give wide publicity to its prices.

3. In regard to the unstable variety of Bleaching Powder, the Commission has not found it necessary to work out the representative cost for the Industry as a whole. The Commission has, however, observed (i) that when the expansion

of the Stable Bleaching Powder Plant of Mettur Chemicals is completed, the production and offtake of Unstable Bleaching Powder will be insignificant, (ii) that the unstable variety would ordinarily fetch a lower price than the stable variety, the price differential being Rs. 5.00 per cwt. under the prevailing market conditions, and (iii) that it will be sufficient if the Industry is urged to continue such a fair differential without Government fixing a price for the unstable variety of Bleaching Powder. Government agree with these observations of the Commission in regard to unstable Bleaching Powder. The attention of the Industry is invited to these observations and it is urged to maintain a fair price differential in favour of Unstable Bleaching Powder.

4. The suggestions originally made by the Tariff Commission for removal of import duty on Bleaching Powder or the State Trading Corporation taking over the purchase and sale of both the imported and indigenous Bleaching Powder have no validity in the circumstances now prevailing and the Commission has agreed that these need not now be considered.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

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